

## **Congressman Childers Holds Health Care Tele-Town Hall**

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Washington, DC - Today, Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) held a live tele-town hall to discuss health care reform legislation being drafted in both the House and Senate. After his remarks, the Congressman took questions from participating members of the public. More than 7,200 constituents participated in the tele-town hall.

"Health care reform, along with the jobs and the economy, is the number one issue on the minds of working Americans today, and is certainly the most controversial. Insurance premiums are increasing seven times faster than wages, and many North Mississippians are suffering from job loss that has left them without health insurance and unable to afford new coverage," said Congressman Childers.

"Most of us agree that our health care system needs reform to lower costs for working families. It is how we go about reforming this system that is central to the current health care debate. I was extremely pleased to have the opportunity to speak with my constituents directly about their thoughts and concerns regarding legislation being drafted in Congress, and I look forward to taking their opinions back to Washington to help shape legislation that makes sense for hard-working North Mississippians."

During the tele-town hall, Congressman Childers answered questions from constituents throughout the entire First District, ranging from which provisions he favored and which he opposed in legislation currently being considered to how this legislation might affect seniors' Medicare coverage.

The Congressman has previously stated his opposition to H.R. 3200 as it is currently written,

but hopes that he will ultimately be able to vote on a health care reform bill that he can support.

*A pro-gun, pro-life Mississippian, Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) represents the First Congressional District in North Mississippi. He is a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition and serves on the House Agriculture and Financial Services Committee. Congressman Childers co-chairs the reestablished bipartisan Congressional Rural Caucus and was appointed to the bipartisan Second Amendment Task Force. For more information, visit [www.childers.house.gov](http://www.childers.house.gov).*

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